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SUBJ: KING'S VISIT TO CHINA

REF: KATHMANDU 1875

1. ACCORDING TO FULL TEXT OF JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON KING'S VISIT TO CHINA, KING WILL VISIT SZECHUAN PROVINCE AS WELL AS TIBET JUNE 2 - 9. KING WILL VISIT CHINA AT INVITATION OF CHU TEH, CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL PEOPLES' CONGRESS AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG.

2. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSION WITH KING'S PRESS SECRETARY CHIRAN THAPA, THAPA SAID HE HOPED THAT PREMIER HUA WOULD MEET WITH KING, ALTHOUGH THIS HAD YET TO BE DECIDED. THAPA, WHO IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND VISIT, SAID HE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY HIS MAJESTY BUT HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION. THAPA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT INDIA HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OR CONSULTED IN ADVANCE. FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT ALSO NOTED THAT MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN "MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE" OF TRIP, BUT BHATT SAID HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE MUCH ADVERSE REACTION BY GOI. HE SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT DIFFICULTIES
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IN NEGOTIATIONS ON REIC TRADE DUE TO TAKE PLACE THIS

WEEK IN DELHI, SAYING THAT "AGREEMENT ON THIS HAD BEEN
NAILED DOWN." FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US YADU NATH KHANAL
TOLD CHARGE THAT TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT WAS "UNFORTUNATE"
COMING SO CLOSE ON HEELS OF PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO
INDIA, BUT THAT IN HIS OPINION GOI COULD NOT OBJECT TO
KING'S CHINA TRIP WHICH WAS NORMAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN
TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE
WAS ANY BASIS IN TRUTH TO RUMORS THAT PRIME MINISTER
THREATENED TO RESIGN. IN ANY EVENT HE IS STILL VERY MUCH
IN PLACE, AND RUMORS HAVE DIED DOWN OVER WEEKEND. THERE
IS LITTLE QUESTION, HOWEVER, THAT HIS POSITION HAS BEEN
WEAKENED. ONE OPPOSITION POLITICIAN SAID THAT KING HAD
GIVEN "SIGNAL TO ALL" AND THAT AS FAR AS GIRI'S ENEMIES
ARE CONCERNED (AND THEY ARE LEGION) THEY CONSIDERED IT
"OPEN SEASON" TO ATTACK THE PRIME MINISTER. GIRI, HOWEVER,
IS SUFFICIENTLY ASTUTE TO WEATHER THE STORM, ALTHOUGH WE
WOULD EXPECT THAT HE WILL PLAY DOWN INDO-NEPALI TIES FOR
A FEW WEEKS. EAVES

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